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DEMAND FOR COAL BLOCKS BY ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any demand from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for allocation of nine coal blocks in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited(SCCL);

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): In response to the offer made on 7th November, 2006 for allocationi of 10 coal blocks under government dispensation for power projects, a letter was received from the Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh where in the interesst of Singareni Collieries Company Ltd; (SCCL) which is a mining company was indicated in 9 of those blocks.

(c): The application of SCCL, a mining company was among the many received from several Central and State PSUs including power generation companies. The allocation of the said blocks located in Orissa and Jharkhand was made as per the guidelines which inter alia included preference to be given to the PSUs of States which were so far not allocated any blocks, requirement of the host States where blocks were located, coal blocks and coal linkages already sanctioned for power projects etc.

APGENCO was recently allocated 4 blocks and long term coal linkages for their power projects. Besides, Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation was also allocated coal blocks in Orissa and Madhya Pradesh.

Based on the above and on relative merits of the large number of applications received for the said 10 blocks, SCCL could not be allocated any block.